

# The University of Toledo

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Final fall quarter student enrollment figures for The University of Toledo, being prepared by its Office of Institutional and Resource Analysis for submission to the Ohio Board of Regents during the first week of November, indicate a record high enrollment of 20,270 persons, an increase of 2,024 students (11.1 per cent) over the figure reported last fall.

The University's full-time-equivalent enrollment, in which credits taken by full and part-time students are combined into theoretical full-time student units for the purpose of distributing state subsidies, is reported at 15,548.29 subsidy-eligible full-time-equivalent students for the summer and fall quarters of 1980.

That enrollment level should have qualified The University of Toledo for \$33,757,402 in state subsidy for the current (July, 1980, through June, 1981) fiscal year.

However, the Ohio Legislature has appropriated only \$29,095,255 for the University this year, an underfunding of enrollment by \$4,662,147.

In addition, earlier this year Governor Rhodes reduced by 3 per cent support to all state agencies except primary and secondary education and welfare. That directive will reduce UT's appropriated state assistance by an additional \$872,858.

There are indications that Governor Rhodes may further reduce assistance to state agencies by from 1 to 5 per cent during the current fiscal year. Each 1 per cent reduction in aid would cost UT an additional \$290,953. Were reductions to total a further 5 per cent, The University of Toledo's underfunding on enrollment could total \$6,989,767 for this year.

Dr. Glen R. Driscoll, UT president, noted that "the University built its 1980-1981 budget on the assumption that the Governor would find it necessary to reduce state subsidy by 2 per cent, an amount of \$581,906 for Toledo. We tightened the

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budget and prepared to absorb the loss. Subsequently, the reduction was announced at a 3 per cent level, necessitating further pruning. Further reductions will force us to consider a number of painful remedies.

"We must remain an open-access University. That is the only acceptable pattern for the urban campus. I am delighted that we are able to serve a new record number of students. However, we could do the job so much more effectively if we were receiving the subsidy for which we are eligible and to which the enrollment makes us entitled. The loss of such an amount is a serious threat to quality. No university can forego this much income without feeling the blow. This is money which would shore up quality, provide instructional equipment, repair holes in the road, and provide the foundations for the 1981-82 budget building effort," he said.

"Census figures suggest that this is the last year for major enrollment increase. However, we intend to double efforts to remain attractive to the college-bound population. Problems brought on by large enrollments are much more pleasant than those occasioned by enrollment decline."

Colleges showing the strongest enrollment growth this year were the College of Engineering (up 336 students or 18.0 per cent), the University Community and Technical College (up 528 students or 14.9 per cent), the College of Arts and Sciences (up 561 students or 12.4 per cent), and the College of Business Administration (up 353 students or 11.3 per cent). Also showing increases were the University College (up 72 students or 8.1 per cent), the College of Education (up 184 students or 6.2 per cent) and the College of Law (up 8 students or .98 per cent). A decline was recorded in the College of Pharmacy (down 18 students or 3.7 per cent).

Ranked by enrollment size, the colleges are Arts and Sciences (5,089 students), ComTech (4,068 students), Business Administration (3,480 students), Education (3,175 students), Engineering (2,201 students), University College (966 students), Law (819 students), and Pharmacy (472 students).

A total of 10,391 men (up 9.6 per cent) and 9,879 women (up 11.2 per cent)

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are attending the University this fall. Enrollment among women showed strong gains in Engineering (up 32.7 per cent), University College (up 24.4 per cent), Business Administration (up 18.8 per cent), and the University Community and Technical College (up 16.4 per cent).

Students enrolled full-time (11,684) represent 57.6 per cent of the student body, highest percentage over the past five years. A total of 8,586 students attend classes part-time (less than 12 hours per quarter).

A total of 5,826 students attend classes offered in the evening, most of them (5,212) on a part-time basis.